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Bill Gates and his croneys are criminals. Period. He and his crew have done nothing more than lie, cheat and steal their way to the top. If you don't believe me research the history of the company. So many technological advances have fallen into obscurity because of their business practices it's not even funny. Have you ever seen the BE Operating System? What happened to Word Perfect? Why won't some official admit publicly that Microsoft's entire operating system is nothing more than a cheapened knock-off of the Macintosh Operating System. Letting MS "get away with it" one more time just proves that money will get you anything. This does nothing more than make honest citizens and business both equally jaded and despondent.

Here's an idea for a settlement: Tell Microsoft to put it's money where it's mouth is, and let's see how "innovative" Billy and his team really are. Sequester off the entire design staff of Microsoft for six months letting them have no contact with the outside world. During that time order them to come up with something entirely new and "innovative" for the computer industry. What do you think they would come up with without having other companies ideas to steal? I'll tell you what, you'd get zip out of them. That's because the heads of Microsoft are not creative, innovative folks.

I wouldn't even take into consideration the economic effects of any punitive damages on MS. Even if the company was utterly destroyed, (which in my opinion is the best answer) the technology sector would still thrive. It would simply clear the way for a more competitive tech sector that would rise to new heights unimagined by stock analysts today. I'm sure that there are companies afraid to produce software innovations today because of the fear and loathing imposed by the "Bullies of Redmond".

Do the public a favor for once and properly punish these criminals and treat them for what they are: Technological Cosa Nostra.

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